

Dublin April 26-1864

Dear Mr May - I returned yesterday from  
Lisbon whither I went to see Garibaldi,  
whose enthusiastic reception by the  
people & the better portion of the aristocracy  
has been flattering beyond all previous ex-  
ample. I saw for the first time Mr. Chapin,  
his admirable wife, Miss Remond, Mrs Taylor.  
Miss Remond's sister, Madame Langel, Mrs  
Chapman's daughter, & several others. Will  
you please have the Liberator sent to  
Mrs Taylor, Aubrey House, Nottingham,  
London, W. & I will answer for the money.  
Her husband is a pro-Southern M.P. & a  
very good fellow. I also saw Mrs. Biggs,  
daughter of Mr Ashurst, a good friend of  
Italy & of Mazzini. I was twice at the  
Crystal Palace to see Garibaldi & once at  
a Shakespeare celebration - twice at Rich-  
mond at Langel - altogether I had a  
fine, healthy, & enjoyable time & saw & spoke  
to a great variety of my fellow creatures



My object in writing to you now is this.  
I had a letter from my son Richard yesterday.  
In it as in many past letters, he complains  
of getting no letters from home. Now for months  
past we have written regularly once a fort-  
night & we don't know how to explain the  
difficulty. The enclosed letter is intended to  
show him that we have done what we  
could & I wish you to oblige me by forwarding  
it through some of your friends directed to  
Richard W. B., care of Mr Sherwood, San  
Francisco - or better still to some one you  
may know of in Virginia City, ~~Bozeman~~ Nevada  
Territory, the centre of a great silver region  
where he seems determined to try his  
fate. He desires me to send him another  
remittance to be ready for any chance  
that may turn up & I am very un-  
willing to do so till I know that some  
money I sent him in February has  
reached him safely. I have told him



how far I am ready to go in this  
way, and beyond which I will not  
venture in justice to my other chil-  
dren. He is perfectly steady, moral  
& upright - but he has not yet got  
into the way of pushing himself on in  
the world. I think he will succeed  
in the long run - but he may probably  
lose all the money I can give him before  
he begins to make his way. I cannot  
tell why this is so - but it is often the  
case. I think G. F. presents the true  
state of the case as to the English people.  
Where commercial, aristocratic & dy-  
nastic interests do not interfere, the  
mass are right. Chapman says the popular  
press is 10 to 1 on the side of the North,  
the right to know. It is a great pity for  
G. F.'s home reputation that he has never  
been a prudent man & that on this  
account he & his family have so often been



actually needy. I saw Mrs Thompson  
his young daughter. They live in a poor  
way, in a poor house, in a poor part of  
London. I am sure I hope he may  
succeed in his present speculation they  
get & keep on his legs at last. What  
I saw says between ourselves & merely  
for your own information.

I send you a little poem lately written  
by my daughter Anne - my youngest  
child - though no longer a baby. If  
it could find a place in the Standard  
I would be glad. If too long or otherwise  
inappropriate you need not mind.

Tell me about your son when you  
write  
Yours ever truly

R. D. Webb

Remembers the Liberator for

Mrs. Taylor, Aubrey House, Nottingham,  
London, W.